

Weekly Update September 20, 2021

The School Committee and Select Board met Sept. 15 in joint session to appoint Carey Borkoski to fill a vacancy on the School Committee. Eight people applied for the position created by a recent resignation from the School Committee.

Save the date for the Special Town Meeting on Oct. 26. The 15 articles include a Citizens Petition to eliminate the moratorium for marijuana retailers in town.

Superintendent Bill Burkhead said the school district had two reported Covid cases over the past week. Upcoming data will include vaccination rates in the district for students and staff.

The school department is focusing on curriculum this year. Check out the schools' website: scituate.k12.ma.us for more.

Burkhead gave a shout-out to sixth-grade social studies teacher, John Fitzgerald, for offering him the chance to meet his students and get to know the superintendent in person. Burkhead said a focus this year is getting to know each other in person.

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau said water main work on Old Oaken Bucket is wrapping up this week. Paving the roadway is next. The water main replacement project now moves to Brook Street where new main will be installed from Front Street to partway up Tilden Road.

Water demand is 1.267 million gallons a day down from 1.306 million gallons the previous week. Levels of manganese are slowly dropping. However, the levels have not dropped enough to stop the discoloration in the water. Call the water department if you experience discoloration so the incidences can be tracked.

The level of the reservoir has been purposely lowered to allow for additional capacity in anticipation of storms.

Boudreau said there were 17 new Covid cases in town up from 13, the previous week. The town's 14-day positivity rate is 2.41 down from 2.52 percent.

There are no plans to enact a mask mandate in public buildings in Scituate at this time. If numbers should jump, the Board of Health would meet to consider options.

Residents are encouraged to get Covid vaccinations to prevent serious illness.

The pilot study at the water treatment plant has two weeks left. The study will resume in the winter to test cold water. Plans are to construct a treatment designed for Scituate water.

Once new paving is complete on First Parish Road by the Senior Center, the town will step up traffic enforcement as drivers tend to speed up on newly paved roads.

The PJ Steverman in-line skating rink boards are up. Final installation of the surface is delayed due to supply issues.

The lunch program at the new Senior Center is a huge success with as many and 90 seniors participating. Lunches for \$5 are available Monday through Thursday. Please call 781-545-8722 and press 0 for the front desk to make a reservation.

Cedar Point roadways are being pulverized before being paved. That work should be completed before winter.